

Summer 2007

Dear Parent and Campers,

The number of youth with life-threatening food allergies has increased substantially over the last 5 years. It is important that all children are able to access all recreation programs. Because of the serious nature of these allergies and the increasing prevalence, we want the Wellesley Recreation Day Camps to be ready.

Protecting a camper from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent anaphylaxis. Most anaphylactic reactions occur when a child is accidentally exposed to a substance to which they are allergic, such as foods, medicines, insects and latex. There are many camp staff members who are trained in first aid and CPR certified.

We have implemented the following general policies to keep camp safe and fun for all kids! Because of the ages of our campers, many allergies are currently unknown. If there is a child with a life-threatening allergy attending camp, we will follow the required guidelines provided by the child's physician and parents and inform you of any additions/changes.

The following policies are currently being implemented. Please discuss them with your child prior to their arrival at camp.

- ❑ **There will be no sharing of food.**
- ❑ **If you would like to bring in a snack, which will include campers other than your own, please have it approved by a Camp Director at least 24 hrs. before bringing it to camp.**
- ❑ **We will continue hand washing before and after snacks, lunch etc.**

Thank you for working with the Wellesley Recreation Day Camp to provide children with life-threatening allergies a safe camp environment. If you have any questions or comments on this policy, please contact the Recreation department at 235 - 2370 or email manderson@wellesleyma.gov

Sincerely,

Melissa Anderson
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